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SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS HIGHJACKING AFFAIR

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRAVDA FOR APRIL 28 CARRIES A
TASS DESPATCH DATED NEW YORK. UNDER THE HEADLINE
"THEY ARE HIDING CRIMINALS," THE TASS STORY UPDATES THE
BRAZINSKAS AFFAIR.

2. ACCORDING TO TASS, "OFFICIAL WASHINGTON" HAD PREVIOUSLY
KEPT SILENT ON AFFAIR AND HAD REFUSED TO ANSWER A LETTER
FROM THE CREW OF THE HIGHJACKED AIRPLANE. NOW, HOWEVER,
IT HAD GONE AS FAR AS TO "FORMALLY INVESTIGATE THE VIOLATION
BY THE KILLERS OF THE EMIGRATION LAWS OF THE U.S.,
CONCERNING 'ILLEGAL' ENTRANCE INTO THE COUNTRY." DESPATCH
GOES ON TO NOTE THAT A COURT HEARING WAS HELD ON
APRIL 21 IN NEW YORK CONCERNING THE ELDER BRAZINSKAS.

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HE DID NOT APPEAR; HIS LAWYER ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD MOVED
TO CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED A CHANGE IN VENUE. THE
YOUNGER BRAZINSKAS HAS BEEN TRIED BY A COURT IN BOSTON
AND ORDERED TO BE EXPELLED. THE HEAD OF INS, BOSTON,
O. KRAMER, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT A NEW REQUEST BY
YOUNGER BRAZINSKAS TO STAY IN THE U.S. "WILL BE CAREFULLY
STUDIED."

3. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT TO JUDGE FROM ALL THIS AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THE POLICY OF SHELTERING KILLERS, WHICH CONTRASTS WITH REPEATED DECLARATIONS OF U.S. LEADERS ON THE NECESSITY OF CURBING AIR PIRACY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: LATEST PRAVDA PIECE KEEPS THE POT BOILING ON THE BRAZINSKAS AFFAIR AND ALLOWS SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS TO STATE THAT THE USG IS SHELTERING CRIMINALS. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME. TOON

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